Public Printer and Archivist View Historic GPO Document

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The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) was created when President James Buchanan signed Joint Resolution 25 on June 23, 1860. GPO opened its doors for business nine months later on March 4, 1861. As GPO prepares to celebrate 150 years of Keeping American Informed on the documents of our democracy, Archivist David S. Ferriero invited Public Printer Bob Tapella into the vault at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to view GPO's 'birth certificate'. The seven page handwritten document outlines the parameters for the federal government in establishing a national printing office

"When you look at the agency's humble beginnings 150 years ago and then look at the billion dollar enterprise GPO is today in serving all three branches of the federal government, it sends chills down my spine to see how far we have come in Keeping America Informed," said Public Printer Bob Tapella. "I appreciate the Archivist providing the agency a facsimile of its birth certificate for our employees and the public to view as GPO prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary."

"It is the mission of the National Archives to collect, protect and encourage the use of permanently valuable records of the federal government," said the Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. "The very fact that these documents are still alive and still available for future generations is the most exciting part of what my job is here."

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